

REMARKS

Kindly amend the claims as requested in the preliminary amendment before examination.

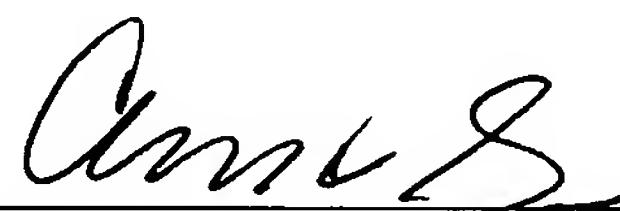
The claims were amended to more closely conform to U.S. practice.

Please find attached PTO form A820 and copies of prior art references cited in the International Search Report.

Applicant respectfully requests that the claims be allowed and the application passed to issue.

Very truly yours,

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